GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:548
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MONITORING VIGILANCE COMMITTEE
KAMAL NATH;SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reconstituted the Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the State, District and Block levels in the country for effectively monitoring the developmental programmes as reported in the Hindu, dated April 03,2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the reconstituting of such Committees will have any impact on the implementation of various rural development programmes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid down on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in Reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 548 due for Answer on 29.04.2003.

(a) & (b) Government has reconstituted the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State and District level. It has been decided to dispense with Committee at the Block level. Different Schemes were being monitored by different Agencies in the past. However, the reconstituted Vigilance and Monitoring Committees will monitor all the Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development such as the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), the Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY), Indira Awas Yojana(IAY), Pradhar Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana(PMGSY), DRDA Administration, Watershed Development Programmes, Rural Water Supply Programme (including Sector Reform), Total Sanitation Campaign(TSC), etc.

The Chairman of the State level Committee would be the Minister, Rural Development Department of the concerned State and the Secretary-In-charge of Rural Development Programmes in the State would be the Member Secretary. Four M.Ps. (Lok Sabha) and one M.P. (Rajya Sabha) representing the State/U.T to be nominated by the Union Ministry of Rural Development andfive MLAs to be nominated by the State Government will be among the Members. There is also a provision for nominating representatives of the Ministry of Rural Development, Khadi & Village Industries Commission and NGOs.

The Chairman of the District level V&M Committee would be a Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) elected from the District and nominated by the Ministry of Rural Development.The District Collector/District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner will be the Member Secretary. All MPs (Lok Sabha) of the District and one MP(Rajya Sabha) representing the State and exercising option to be associated with the District level Committee of that District (on first come basis) would be designated as Vice Chairman.All MLAs of the District, Chairperson of the Zilla Panchayat andall Chairpersons of Panchayat Samities will also be members. There is also provision for nominating representatives of NGOs, Social workers and SC/STs etc.

(c) & (d) In the reconstituted Committees, a crucial role has been assigned to the Members of Parliament and elected representatives of the people in State legislatures and Panchayati Raj Institutions in monitoring the implementation of these programmes and as such, it is hoped that the quality of implementation of these programmes would improve.